

Woodward, Katherine

From: Woodward, Katherine
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 1:05 PM
To: 'Allen, Brian'
Subject: RE: WPS Update

Brian-

Could you please provide a copy of the completion reports for the window replacement projects that have been completed so far to complete our records?

Thanks

Kate

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From: Allen, Brian [mailto:AllenB@worc.k12.ma.us]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Woodward, Katherine
Subject: RE: WPS Update

Kate,

It was good to hear from you; things have been busy here in Worcester so I apologize for being a little slow getting back to you. To improve the energy efficiency of our buildings we continue to pursue funding from MSBA to implement window improvement projects. As in the past, we require contractors to assume that existing window materials are contaminated and adopt appropriate health and safety as well as waste management plans.

Last year we completed window projects at the these schools: Tatnuck Magnet; Columbus Park; Worcester Art Magnet; and Chandler Magnet. I had described those pending projects to you in my March 3, 2014 update. Also in my March 3, 2014 update I told you we had submitted funding requests to MSBA for additional projects. As a result of success with those requests we hope to complete window replacements this year at the following schools: Clark Street; Union Hill; Goddard; and West Tatnuck.

We will continue to submit projects to the MSBA under the Accelerated Repair Program annually to address window replacement projects. This is a summary of the activities that WPS has engaged since we last had updated the EPA. We are always willing to provide additional information or meeting as needed.

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From: Woodward, Katherine [<mailto:Woodward.Katherine@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Allen, Brian
Subject: RE: WPS Update

Thanks! I know it has been a while since the last time.

From: Allen, Brian [<mailto:AllenB@worc.k12.ma.us>]
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Woodward, Katherine
Subject: RE: WPS Update

Kate,

Just wanted to touch base to let you know that I received your email and we'll be developing an update for you. It will just take us a little bit so we can compile our actions since the last time we communicated.

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From: Woodward, Katherine [<mailto:Woodward.Katherine@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:00 AM
To: Allen, Brian
Subject: WPS Update

Brian,

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Please provide a status update for the schools scheduled for renovation/window replacement and sampling data that documents the absence of PCB caulk in the schools where the window replacement project were completed. If these projects were completed as performance-based projects under § 761.61(b), please provide a copy of the completion reports for the projects.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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From: Allen, Brian [AllenB@worc.k12.ma.us]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Woodward, Katherine
Subject: RE: WPS Update

Kate,

I am following up from this email in order to provide a summary of activities in Worcester since the last time we had discussion with you.

In the summer of 2012, we engaged in significant work around the recommendations that were provided to us from Triumvirate Environmental. Specifically, the work during summer 2012 were the short term methods to address the potential sources of PCBs in the Worcester Public Schools. This work included the following tasks:

- Lighting fixture replacement. 680 (100%) of all unlabeled or stained fixtures were replaced.
- We engaged an HVAC company to address fresh air intake optimization & system balancing
- We engaged a company to conduct targeted surface cleaning in all schools
- We engaged a company that conducted weatherization of windows (caulking and glazing over existing materials).

All of this work was completed and the WPS has summary documents from Triumvirate Environmental for each site for the specific work that was completed.

In 2013, the Worcester Public Schools engaged O'Reilly, Talbot, and Okun (OTO) for additional consulting services to support the work in the district. Based upon the work completed in summer 2013, OTO has developed a set of recommendations for next steps for the district to consider.

During 2013, the Worcester Public Schools, with funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Accelerated Repair Program, replaced windows at New Citizens Center and May Street School. During 2014, window replacement will occur at Chandler Magnet School, Worcester Arts Magnet, Columbus Park School, and Tatnuck Magnet School. (Worcester East Middle School has also been approved for window replacement as part of a larger expanded renovation project at the school to occur over the next several years).

Recently, we have submitted Clark Street School, West Tatnuck Elementary, and Union Hill School to the MSBA for window replacement projects. We have also submitted Burncoat High School, Doherty High School, and South High School for major renovation / replacement to the MSBA for funding consideration. We expect to hear from the MSBA later this year about funding consideration for work to begin in 2015.

We will continue to submit projects to the MSBA under the Accelerated Repair Program annually to address window replacement projects and work on recommendations provided to us by OTO.

This is a summary of the activities that WPS has engaged since we last had conversations with the EPA. We are always willing to provide additional information or meeting as needed.

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Brian-

I haven't communicated with you for some time. I am interested in finding out how you are progressing with the PCB issues in the Worcester Public Schools. Since all has been quiet, I suspect progress is being made.

I'd appreciate it if you could provide me with a quick update. I would also like to know what schools, if any, have had work done on them (other than housekeeping-type activities).

Thanks

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